

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
APPOINTMENTS

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| 36GL-21-0266 | Leeana Lynn L. Borja | Member (Guidance Counselor - Representative) | Guam Commission for Educator Certification | 3/4/21 | Three (3) Years: February 19, 2020 to February 18, 2024. | Committee on Education, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime Transportation | 3/9/21 | 5/11/21 10:00 a.m. | 5/20/21 7:04 p.m. | | |



THE OFFICE OF SENATOR TELENA CRUZ NELSON

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN | 36th GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION,
SELF DETERMINATION
AND HISTORIC
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
AND
MARITIME
TRANSPORTATION

May 18, 2021

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña Guam, 96910

VIA: The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja

Håfa Adai Speaker Terlaje,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja to serve as a Member (Guidance Counselor Representative) of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, and which was referred to the Committee on Education, Historic Preservation and Self-Determination, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, Maritime Transportation.

Committee votes are as follows:

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| <u> </u> | TO NOT CONFIRM |
| <u> </u> | TO REPORT OUT ONLY |
| <u> </u> | TO ABSTAIN |
| <u> </u> | TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE |

COMMITTEE ON RULES

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May 18, 2021

4:21 P.M.

Vicente P. Flores

Sincerely,

Telena Cruz Nelson

Telena Cruz Nelson



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Leeana Lynn L. Borja

As a Member(Guidance Counselor
Representative)of the Guam
Commission for Educator Certification
for a term of three (3) years; February
19, 2021 to February 18, 2024.



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May 17, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**
Committee Education, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation,
Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime
Transportation

From: **Senator Telena Cruz Nelson** 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: **Committee Report on the Appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja to serve as a Member(Guidance Counselor Representative)of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification.

This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- **Supporting Documents**
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!



Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON RULES

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GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING
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HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910
TEL 671-472-2461
COR@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG

March 9, 2021

MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: Referral of Appointment

Buenas yan Håfa adai,

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

Appointee: Leeana Lynn L. Borja

Position: Member (Guidance Counselor - Representative), Guam Commission for Educator Certification

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at <http://guamlegislature.com/index/messages-and-communications/>. Please refer to the follow document:

"36GL-21-0266- Office of the Governor of Guam – Board Appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja, Member (Guidance Counselor - Representative), Guam Commission for Educator Certification."

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to the Committee on Education, Self-Determination, and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime Transportation, chaired by Senator Telena Cruz Nelson.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,


Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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| 36GL-21-0216 | Leeana Lynn L. Borja | Member (Guidance Counselor - Representative) | Guam Commission for Educator Certification | 3/4/21 | Three (3) Years: February19, 2020 to February 18, 2024. | Committee on Education, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime Transportation | 3/10/21 | | | | |

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

March 4, 2021

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagatna, Guam 96932

Doc Type: 36GL-21-0266
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

03 08 2021

Time: 11:00 am
Received: [Signature]

RE: Board Appointment

Dear Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

APPOINTEE: Leeana Lynn L. Borja
POSITION: Member (Guidance Counselor – Representative)
Guam Commission for Educator Certification
TERM LENGTH: Three (3) Years; February 19, 2021 to February 18, 2024

The appointment is subject to the consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

March 8, 2021

4:16 P.M.

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cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

March 4, 2021

MS. LEEANA LYNN L. BORJA



Dear Ms. Borja:

Pursuant to my authority under 17 GCA § 27003, I am reappointing you to serve as a

MEMBER, GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

Guidance Counselor - Representative

Term Length: Three (3) Years; February 19, 2021 to February 18, 2024

Your reappointment is a testimony to your commitment to service and the understanding of the great responsibility that this position requires and I know that you will continue to fulfill your duties in a professional manner for others to follow.

Once again, I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time on the Board will be effective and productive.

As you are aware, this appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Weakley of the Governor's Office at 473-1131.

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hāgan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Joshua.F. Ternorio, Lt. Governor of Guam
Chairperson, Guam Commission for Educator Certification

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet

The following information is required for submission to the
Speaker of / *Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

NOMINEE INFORMATION

| | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Last Name Borja | First Name Leeana Lynn | Middle Initial L. |
| Mailing Address [REDACTED] | | Apartment/Unit # |
| City [REDACTED] | State [REDACTED] | Zip Code [REDACTED] |
| Phone [REDACTED] | E-mail Address [REDACTED] | |
| Position to which Appointment is Made Member, Guam Commission for Educator Certification | | |
| Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| If no, are you authorized to work in the United States? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

EDUCATION

| SCHOOL (Name, City and State) | DATES OF ATTENDANCE | TYPE OF DEGREE | YEAR EARNED |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| High School Southern High School, Santa Rita, GU | 1997- 2001 | High School Diploma | 2001 |
| College University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA University of Guam, Mangilao, GU | 2003 – 2006 | B.A. (Psy & PoliSci) | 2006 |
| Graduate School University of Guam, Mangilao, GU | 2010 - 2013 | M.A., Counseling | 2013 |
| Other Degree | | | |

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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|---|--|
| Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Jose L.G. Rios Middle School Guam Department of Education 501 Mariner Ave. Barrigada, GU 96913 | Position Title School Counselor Dates Held 08/2016-Present |
| Previous Employer and Mailing Address J.Q. San Miguel Elementary School Guam Department of Education 501 Mariner Ave. Barrigada, GU 96913 | Position Title School Counselor Dates Held 08/2013-06/2016 |
| Previous Employer and Mailing Address Project Aim, TRIO-Student Support Services Guam Community College P.O. Box 23069 GMF Barrigada, GU 96921 | Position Title Program Coordinator II Dates Held 01/2010-10/2011 |
| Previous Employer and Mailing Address I Pinangon Suicide Prevention Program University of Guam UOG Station Mangilao, GU 96923 | Position Title Associate Director Dates Held 10/2007 - 11/2007 |
| Previous Employer and Mailing Address Isa Psychological Services Center University of Guam UOG Station Mangilao, GU 96923 | Position Title Extension Associate/Counselor Dates Held 08/2005 - 10/2007 |

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

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| Agency or Department Name | | Position Title | |
| Address | Phone No. | Dates Held | |
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PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

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| Address | Phone No. | Dates Held | |

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TRAINING

| INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING | DATE |
|---|----------------------|
| Restorative Justice Training | December 15-16, 2017 |
| Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification | January 30-31, 2018 |
| Guam Association of School Counselors (GASC) Conference | March 28-29, 2019 |
| American School Counselor Assc. ASCA @ Home 2020 Conference | June 29-July 2, 2020 |

AWARDS

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| List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service: |
| summa cum laude and Valedictorian, University of Guam, 12/2006 |

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

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| List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held: |
| <p>Member, Guam Association of School Counselors, 2016-present</p> <p>Member, American School Counselor Association, 2020-present</p> <p>Member, Guam Commission for Educator Certification, 2020 - Present</p> |

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

| BRANCH | DATES OF SERVICE | RANK AT DISCHARGE | TYPE OF DISCHARGE |
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OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If so, please specify in detail: _____

Address of the Court: _____

Date(s) of Conviction: _____

Specific Infraction Committed: _____

(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes ☐ No ☒ If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?

Yes ☐ No ☒ If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Statement of Financial Interests

(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

TO: The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM: Leeana Lynn Libby Borja

☒ I have no financial interest in any business

☐ I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST | TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST |
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Signature

02/09/2021

Date

AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

Leeana Lynn Libby Borja

Print Name and Signature



02/09/2021

Date



SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

Guam Judicial Center • 120 West O'Brien Drive • Hagatña, Guam 96910

Telephone (671) 475-3370/475-3449

Fax (671) 472-2856

DANIELLE T. ROSETE

Clerk of Court

Name: **LEEANA LYNN LIBBY BORJA**

SS#:

ID# **GU DL#**

Date of Birth:

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

Criminal Cases:

- A. ☒ No Case Found
- B. 1. Criminal Case No.
2. Criminal Case No.
3. Criminal Case No.
4. Criminal Case No.
5. Criminal Case No.

Criminal Record: Page 1 of 1

Civil Cases:

- A. ☐ No Case Found
- B. 1. Civil Case No.
2. Civil Case No.
3. Civil Case No.
4. Civil Case No.
5. Civil Case No.

Civil Record: Page 1 of 1

Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and local/federal holidays. Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.

Dated: 02/22/2021

DANIELLE T. ROSETE

Clerk of Court

BY: **RODNEY-JOE P MANIBUSAN**
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **RJPM**



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**Government of Guam
GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION
P.O. Box 23909
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921**



February 25, 2021

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

| | | | |
|--|--|----------------------|------|
| NAME: | Leeana Lynn Libby BORJA | | |
| DATE OF BIRTH: | [REDACTED] | FINGERPRINT#: | NONE |
|  | The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law. | | |

*****NOTHING FOLLOWS*****


THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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The absence of an original GUAM POLICE
seal invalidates this police clearance.
REVISED 04/26/19

By Direction: **BARBIE**

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 **STEPHEN C. IGNACIO**
Chief of Police



Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

FIRST NOTICE of CONFIRMATION Hearing and INFORMATIONAL Hearing on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00A.M.

Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Tue, May 4, 2021 at 9:08 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Cc: Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>, mis <mis@guamlegislature.org>, Audio / Video

<av@guamlegislature.org>

Bcc: Tihu Lujan <tihualujan@guamlegislature.org>, Calen Meno <calen.tcr@guamlegislature.org>, Leeana Borja

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May 4, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson

Subject: **FIRST NOTICE of CONFIRMATION Hearing and INFORMATIONAL Hearing on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.**

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Informational Hearing: Guam Department of Education

- Curriculum:
 - How are the schools determining what types of texts and media are appropriate for utilizing in the classroom;
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Written testimonies may be delivered to the Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson at 173 Aspinall Avenue, Suite 202A, Ada Plaza Center, *Hagåtña*, Guam 96910 or via email to senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org. The Committee requests that testimonies be submitted at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled hearing. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals requiring assistance or accommodations should contact the Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson via phone call at 671-989-7696 or via email at senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org.

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The Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson

Committee on Education, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime Transportation

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THE OFFICE OF SENATOR TELENA CRUZ NELSON

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COMMITTEE ON
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Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Fri, May 7, 2021 at 8:55 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

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Yuka Oguma <yuka@guahanis.com>

May 7, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson

Subject: **SECOND NOTICE of CONFIRMATION HEARING and Informational Hearing and on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.**

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May 7, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson *Telena Cruz Nelson*
Subject: **SECOND NOTICE of CONFIRMATION HEARING and Informational Hearing and on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! Please be advised that the Committee on Education, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime Transportation will convene a Confirmation Hearing and Informational Hearing on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 A.m., at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* Public Hearing Room. The agenda includes the following:

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Confirmation Hearing

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

Agenda

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- III. Testimonies
- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Adjournment

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Leeana Lynn L. Borja

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Leeana Lynn Libby Borja
Testimony

Buenas yan Håfa Adai, Madam Chairwoman and fellow senators. My name is Leeana Lynn Libby Borja. Thank you for this humbling opportunity to request for your favorable consideration of my reappointment to the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, as the School Counselor Representative. I'd like to also express my sincere gratitude to our Maga'håga, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, and to our Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio for their continued faith in my ability to serve our island's people in this capacity.

It was just a few months ago that I came before this body for my initial appointment; so I will make my remarks as brief as possible.

I would like to reiterate a few points... I am a wife to a wonderful husband and a mother to three beautiful girls. I am also a 2001 graduate of Southern High School. I completed my Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Political Science and Psychology at the University of Guam in the fall of 2006 and graduated as the Valedictorian of my commencement class.

Shortly thereafter, I found what I believe to be my true calling—the school counseling profession. Growing up, I have always been taught by my parents and my grandparents from both sides of my family to always help others and give back when I can—to make a difference in this world. It is what my husband and I try to instill in our girls. Thus, I completed my Master of Arts in Counseling in 2013, also at the University of Guam. I've been a School Counselor with the Department of Education since then. I started as an elementary school counselor and am now a middle school counselor. I have been one for the last 5 years at Jose Rios Middle School.

I truly believe in the work that we, school counselors, do. I fully believe in “educating the whole child.” As school counselors, we do our best to supplement the academic skills taught in the classroom with social and emotional skills as well as provide career development. We also work with our educational teams in ensuring that our students have the interventions and supports they need from us and/or professionals within the department or in the community. These are the interventions and supports that our students need to enter their classrooms ready to learn. It's a tough profession, but also an extremely rewarding one—one that we all benefit from because our students are our future.

It is this passion that drives the commitment I have to the work involved with being a commissioner with the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. I believe in the mission of the GCEC. Our students deserve to have qualified and ethical educators in

their classrooms and on our school campuses. In the short time I have been with the GCEC, we have done quite a bit of work in maintaining the rigorous system it has in place and continue to adapt it to the realities of today.

With that said, I once again humbly request for your favorable consideration of my reappointment to the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, as the School Counselor Representative. Thank you very much.

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CHAPTER 27
GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 29-073:1 (May 9, 2008) as Chapter 26, §§ 26000-26026, codified as Chapter 27, §§ 27000-27026, by the Compiler pursuant to its authority granted by 1 GCA §1606.

2015 NOTE: P.L. 28-045:10 (June 6, 2005) changed the name of the Department of Education to the Guam Public School System. The passage of P.L. 30-050:2 (July 14, 2009) reverted the name to the Department of Education.

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§ 27000. Legislative Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the goal of Educator Certification is to determine whether those individuals responsible for the education of children are competent to perform their duties as teachers, guidance counselors *or* school administrators.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that throughout the United States, the certification *or* licensure of educators is a function that occurs at the state level and not in the local school districts that employ the educators. The common practice is for states to define the Educator Certification *or* Licensure standards by means of a Board *or* Commission to include local and federal education mandates. Such Boards *or* Commissions also will set up an office(s) in the state to certify and license education professionals who qualify. These Boards *or* Commissions are also responsible for determining improper conduct by the certificate holder *or* licensee is sufficient to warrant revocation *or* suspension of such license *or* certificate.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide a mechanism to confer professional certification for Early Childhood to Twelfth (12th) grade educators via an external entity that is separate and apart from the entities that employ such educators.

§ 27001. Purpose.

(a) The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a system of professional development, professional standards, certification and evaluation that serves to continually improve the quality of instruction for Guam's children so that they are equipped to work and succeed in an ever-changing and increasingly complex global economy. The Guam Commission for Educator Certification is established to provide a rigorous system of certification, professional development and evaluation designed to support improved student achievement and to improve the quality of the Guam educator workforce and to improve student performance. All Department of Education educators must be certified and evaluated in accordance with this Chapter. The Board *shall* regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators.

(b) In proposing rules under this Subchapter, the Commission *shall* ensure that all candidates for certification *or* renewal of certification

demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of Guam's diverse student population.

§ 27002. Definition.

In this Subchapter, "Commission" means the Guam Commission for Educator Certification.

§ 27003. Guam Commission for Educator Certification.

(a) There is hereby established the Guam Commission for Educator Certification to consist of seven (7) voting members appointed by *I Maga'lāhen Guåhan* with the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, as specified in subsections (1) to (5), inclusive. The Commission *shall* consist of the following members:

- (1) a classroom teacher employed in a public school;
- (2) an administrator (principal or assistant principal) employed in a public school;
- (3) a guidance counselor employed in a public school;
- (4) two (2) members who possess a terminal degree in the subject of education from an accredited college *or* university which, as used herein, means an institution that is accredited by a United States accrediting body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) *or* its successor, *or* an equivalent foreign college *or* university; and
- (5) two (2) members appointed from the community at large.

(b) Appointments to the Commission *shall* be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, *or* national origin of the person appointed.

(c) A Commission member is immune from civil suit for any act performed in good faith in the execution of duties as a Commission member.

(d) Members *shall* serve a term of three (3) years and may be reappointed, provided that the member continues to meet the employment criteria in the event that such member was appointed to fill a seat on the Commission pursuant to Items (1), (2) and (3) of Paragraph (a), *supra*.

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(e) *If* a member is appointed pursuant to Items (1), (2) and (3) of Paragraph (a), *supra*, and ceases to be employed as such, that member *shall* be considered to have vacated his or her seat effective on the date that such employment was terminated. The Chairperson of the Commission *shall* forthwith notify *I Maga'lahi* that the vacancy exists.

(f) The Superintendent of Education *or* his designee, the Chairman of the Guam Education Policy Board *or* his designee, the President of the Guam Community College *or* his designee, and the President of the University of Guam *or* his designee, *shall* serve as ex-officio member, without vote in proceedings of the Commission.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 31-094:2 (Sept. 30, 2011).

§ 27004. Terms: Vacancy.

In the event of a vacancy, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* *shall* appoint a replacement in the same class of the member that vacated his *or* her position on the Board for a term of three (3) years.

§ 27005. Officers.

The Commission *shall* elect one (1) of its members to serve as presiding officer for a term of two (2) years. The presiding officer is entitled to vote on all matters before the Commission. The Commission may elect other officers from among its membership.

§ 27006. Compensation.

A Commission member *shall* receive compensation for serving on the Commission in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for each Commission meeting attended. A member is entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing functions as a member of the Commission, subject to any applicable limitation on reimbursement provided by the General Appropriations Act. The compensation of the members of the Commission who are public employees *shall* not be reduced by the agency *or* body by which they are regularly employed for any absence from service occasioned by attendance upon the business of the commission, its committees *or* subcommittees.

§ 27007. Meetings.

The Commission *shall* meet as it deems appropriate and necessary to accomplish its duties, but *shall* meet *no fewer than* once each quarter.

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(a) The Commission *shall* meet *at least once* in each quarter of the calendar year.

(b) The Commission may meet at other times at the call of the presiding officer *or* as provided by the rules of the Commission.

§ 27008. General Powers and Duties of the Commission.

The Commission *shall*:

- (a) supervise the executive director's performance;
- (b) approve an operating budget for the Commission and make a request to *I Liheslatura* for appropriations;
- (c) appoint members of any advisory committee to the Commission;
- (d) for each class of educator certificate, appoint an advisory committee composed of members of that class to recommend standards for that class to the Commission;
- (e) provide to its members and employees, as often as necessary, information regarding their qualifications for office *or* employment under this Chapter and their responsibilities under applicable laws relating to standards of conduct for state officers *or* employees;
- (f) develop and implement policies that clearly define the respective responsibilities of the Commission and the Commission's staff;
- (g) file annually with *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* and the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* a complete and detailed written report, in the form and within the time provided by the General Appropriations Act, accounting for all funds received and disbursed by the Commission during the preceding fiscal year; and
- (h) execute interagency contracts to perform routine administrative functions.
- (i) investigate complaints filed with the Commission on educator misconduct.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 29-073:1 (May 9, 2008) as § 26008. Codified as § 27008 by the Compiler pursuant to authority granted by 1 GCA § 1606. Subsection (i) added by P.L. 32-236:3 (Dec. 29, 2014).

§ 27008.1. Subpoena Powers.

The Chairperson of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, upon his/her own initiative, upon the request of any member of the Commission, or upon the request of any party before the Commission, may summon in writing any person before a meeting of the Commission as a witness and in a proper case, to bring with him/her any book, record, or paper which may be deemed material as evidence in the case. The fees for such attendance *shall* be the same as the fees of witnesses before the Superior Court, *except* that if the witness is a government employee no witness fees shall be given. The subpoena *shall* issue in the name of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, and *shall* be directed to the person and *shall* be served in the same manner as subpoenas to testify before the court. If any person or persons summoned to testify shall refuse or neglect to obey said subpoena, upon petition, the court may compel the attendance of such person or persons before the Commission, or punish said person or persons for contempt in the same manner provided by law for securing the attendance of witnesses and of their punishment for neglect or refusal to attend in the Superior Court.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 32-236:2 (Dec. 29, 2014).

§ 27009. Place of Commission Meetings.

The Chairman *shall* designate an appropriate location for each Commission meeting. Notice of such locations *shall* be given pursuant to the provisions of Title 5, GCA, Chapter 8.

§ 27010. Emergency Meetings.

An emergency meeting of the Commission may be called by the Chairman. Notice of such meeting *shall* be communicated in the manner most likely to give the greatest amount of notice to the members: phone, facsimile, mail, *or* email. Notice to the public of emergency meetings *shall* be given pursuant to the provisions Title 5, GCA, Chapter 8.

§ 27011. Executive Sessions.

Executive Sessions of the Commission are closed meetings which may be held only as expressly authorized by Title 5, GCA, Chapter 8. Persons who may attend and subjects that may be discussed are also described in Title 5, GCA, Chapter 8.

§ 27012. Agendas.

The Chairman and the Executive Director determine the agenda for a Commission meeting. Final approval of the agenda lies with the Commission Chairman. Commission members should receive the agenda and supporting materials for an upcoming meeting at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting when possible.

In the event the agenda and/or supporting materials cannot be delivered at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting, the Executive Director *shall* notify the Commission as to the reason why. The Commission Chairman will timely provide other Commission members the reason for removing an agenda item after it has been posted.

§ 27013. Quorum and Carrying Actions of the Commissions.

A quorum *shall* consist of four (4) voting members. Actions of the Commission *shall* be carried by a vote of *not less than* four (4) voting members.

§ 27014. Signature Authority for Commission Disciplinary Orders.

The Chairman may sign on behalf of a majority of the Commission a decision *or* order issued in a disciplinary case relating to Commission disciplinary proceedings, including enforcement of the educator's code of ethics. Members of the majority, however, retain discretion to sign any decision *or* order.

§ 27015. Communications.

The Chairman and the Executive Director officially represent the Commission in communicating agency policy and procedures. This provision does *not* prohibit other Commission members from commenting publicly about the Commission in their individual capacities *or* expressing their personal opinions.

§ 27016. Rules: Fees.

(a) The Commission may adopt rules as necessary for its own procedures.

(b) The Commission *shall* propose rules that:

(1) provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of this Chapter in a manner consistent with this Chapter;

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- (2) specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates;
- (3) specify the period for which each class of educator certificate is valid;
- (4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;
- (5) provide for the issuance of an educator certificate to a person who holds a similar certificate issued by another state *or* foreign country,
- (6) provide for special *or* restricted certification of educators, as needed;
- (7) provide for disciplinary proceedings, including the suspension *or* revocation of an educator certificate,
- (8) provide for the adoption, amendment, and enforcement of an educator's code of ethics; and
- (9) provide for continuing education requirements.

(c) The Commission *shall* propose a rule adopting a fee for the issuance and maintenance of an educator certificate.

The Guam Commission for Educator Certification *shall* promulgate Administrative Rules and Regulations consistent with the provisions of Title 5, GCA, Chapter 9. Such Rules and Regulations may be revised as needed consistent with the provisions of Title 5, GCA, Chapter 9.

§ 27017. Relationships with the Public.

The Commission *shall* develop and periodically review policies regarding the following:

- (a) Policies and procedures for stakeholder input on rule development.
- (b) Policies and procedures on accepting public testimony.

§ 27018. Executive Director and Commission Staffing.

The Commission *shall* hire an Executive Director to manage the daily operations of the Commission. Such employment may be in either,

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- (a) the unclassified service *or*
- (b) by employment contract.

The term of employment *shall not exceed* five (5) years, but may be renewed by the Commission, after expiration, for successive terms. Compensation and job qualifications *shall* be established by the Commission. The Commission *shall* create a staffing pattern for additional staff required for the operations of the Commission. The staff *shall* be classified employees hired pursuant to the merit provisions of Title 4, GCA, Chapter 4. The staff *shall* include, but *not be limited to*, those classified employees who transferred from the Department of Education Certification Office during the transition to the Commission.

§ 27019. Relationship of the Commission to the Executive Director Introduction.

(a) The Commission primarily employs the Executive Director to implement Commission policies and to hire and supervise other staff. Although the relationship between the Executive Director and individual Commission members is collegial, the relationship of the Commission to the Executive Director is hierarchical. The Executive Director is accountable only to the Commission as a whole, and not from individual Commission members.

(b) The Commission. In exercising its powers and duties, the Commission *shall*:

- (1) establish major visionary guiding policies and principles;
- (2) establish the mission and goals that define the end results the Commission wants to achieve;
- (3) serve as a link between the agency and state policymakers;
- (4) accept accountability for decisions and actions;
- (5) establish an effective relationship with the Executive Director and direct him *or* her with one (1) voice;
- (6) maintain objectivity in reviewing facts in the process of making decisions; act in the best interests of the schoolchildren and their parents, the education profession and the public; and

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(7) review the General Operating Policies and Procedures on an annual basis at the first (1st) meeting of the first (1st) quarter of each year.

(c) (1) The Executive Director. The powers and duties of the Executive Director include the following:

(A) performing duties as assigned by the Commission *or* specified by law;

(B) administering and enforcing all laws and rules implemented by the Commission;

(C) issuing the certificates authorized under 17 GCA Chapter 5B.

(D) hiring and dismissing Commission employees;

(E) serving as the Commission's Secretary in an ex-officio capacity;

(F) maintaining the vital records of the Commission;

(G) developing, issuing, and implementing workplace policies; and

(H) ensuring that new Commission members are given an orientation on the activities of Commission and that this be done, where possible, prior to the new member's first (1st) Commission meeting.

(2) The Executive Director may designate other staff to aid in these functions. In exercising these powers and duties, the Executive Director *shall*:

(A) be accountable to the full Commission for achievement of policies;

(B) be open to all points of view and learning;

(C) provide all material information relevant to Commission decision-making;

(D) lead the Commission and its staff;

(E) implement Commission policies through specific objectives and strategies;

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(F) consider multiple points of view expressed by Commission staff and persons outside the Commission as needed to facilitate fully informed Commission decisions; and

(G) update the Commission at a minimum of every other week, and at any other time essential information should be provided.

2015 NOTE: Pursuant to the authority granted by 1 GCA § 1606, subsection designations were added and altered to adhere to the Compiler's alpha-numeric scheme.

§ 27020. Evaluation of the Executive Director.

The Commission *shall* annually evaluate the performance of the Executive Director.

§ 27021. Applicability of this Chapter for Certification of DOE Educators.

The Commission *shall* be the Educator Certification authority for all Department of Education Educators *no later than* the earlier of the completion of a transition period following the enactment of this Chapter *or* October 1, 2008.

§ 27022. Funding.

The operations of the Commission *shall* be funded by appropriation of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Additionally, the Commission *shall* retain all fees collected and use such fees for its operations in a manner determined by the Commission.

§ 27023. Office Space.

The Commission is authorized to lease office space for its operations. Nothing herein *shall* prevent the Commission from leasing office space within other government of Guam facilities *or* from accepting free, reduced *or* subsidized office space.

§ 27024. Fiscal Agent.

The Commission is authorized to procure the services of another government of Guam agency to administer its accounting, payroll and financial reporting requirements.

§ 27025. Timeliness of Action on Applications for Certification.

The Commission *shall* establish reasonable timetables for the approval *or* denial of certification applications that commence when all required valid and authentic documents are received.

§ 27026. Prior Certification Standards.

All certification standards and requirements adopted by the Guam Education policy board *prior* to the enactment of this Chapter *shall* remain effective *unless* they are *amended or repealed* by the Commission in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Chapter. The Guam Commission for Educator Certification *shall* adopt rules which honor unexpired teaching, guidance counselor, school librarian, and school administrator certifications issued by DOE before the effective date of the GCEC.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 29-113:VI:68 (Sept. 30, 2008).



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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Education, Self-Determination, and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime Transportation convened a public hearing on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja to serve as a Member (Guidance Counselor Representative) of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on March 4, 2021, for a term of three (3) years, from February 19, 2021 to February 18, 2024;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on March 8, 2021;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on March 9, 2021.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via **e-mail** to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 (5-Day Notice), and again on Friday, May 7, 2021 (48-Hour Notice). Today's hearing was also available on the Guam Legislature's website.

Senators Present

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Committee Chairperson

Senator Amanda L. Shelton, Vice-Chairperson

Senator Joanne Brown

Appearing before the Committee

Leeana Lynn L. Borja, Nominee

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 10:23 a.m.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Committee Chairperson: We'll now go to the next individual on the item of agenda and that is Ms. Leeana Borja to give testimony.

Leeana Lynn Borja, Nominee: Please see attached testimony.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Committee Chairperson: Thank you, Ms. Leeana Borja.

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Committee Chairperson: So, now I will offer the opportunity for my colleagues to ask any questions or if they have any or to make comments. We'll start with Senator Shelton, the Vice Chairperson.

Senator Amanda Shelton: *Si Yu'os ma'åse'*, Madam Chair. *Buenas yan Håfa adai*, ladies and gentleman, thank you for being here today. The appointees of the teacher certification council, thank you for being here and for your willingness to continue the work as all of you have been serving.

We're happy that you are so willing to do so and I know that it is not a group that we hear much about in the news or out in the community but we know how vital your role is to ensure that we are providing the best education to our children in the school system and so, we thank you for all that you do.

And to Mr. Alcairo, I know were here just a few months ago too and we were very excited to have you on the Guam Education Board and now to see you move onto the charter school council. Thank you very much for your willingness to do so and we look forward to your service. I know you're no stranger here in the legislature as a former Speaker of the Guam Youth Congress and employee here and we thank you for your service to Guam and your willingness to now serve the children in the charter school. Thank you.

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Committee Chairperson: Thank you, Senator Shelton. Senator Brown?

Senator Joanne Brown: Thank you very much Madam Chairperson. Certainly, thank you to all of you that are coming here once again to offer your service to the education community. Not all our hearings are as pleasant but I don't really have any questions. I think all of you bring significant credentials to the table with regards to other work for the certification board. Yes, you're right a lot of people in the general community are not aware of the work that you do but it's very important certainly to ensure that our teachers that are out there in the community teaching our students meet the qualifications credentials that they need to in order to educate our children.

So, thank you for the work that you do and the years of experience that you collectively bring to that work so that from your professional perspective you certainly can have a better eye of looking at making sure that everyone else is meeting those credentials and working towards their goals as well.

Senator Joanne Brown: So, good luck to you and thank you for all of you for your continued interest in serving our community. With that I appreciate the opportunity Madam Chairperson, thank you very much for the opportunity to comment.

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Committee Chairperson: Thank you, Senator Brown. I don't have any questions for the nominees for the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. It seems or it is apparent that you have done an outstanding job in your careers and also for the commission. And so, I'd like to thank you for your dedication and continued service to our island and our public.

We hope that's also that we can streamline processes to recruit more teachers locally to assist in the Guam Department of Education and also in our Charter Schools and Private Schools. I want to thank you for the great work that you're doing all of the policies that you helped implement and just the hard work and your amazing credentials that you do have is absolutely – it's huge.

You know I'm very grateful to see people who are competent and have the credentials behind them to show that you know a true merit system can be in place with the Government of Guam. So, thank you very much for your dedication, your perseverance especially during the time of the pandemic. And if there's anything that we can do at the legislature to assist you in your mission and vision. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. So, thank you.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Committee Chairperson: And you have our support too as well as all of the members of the commission. So, thank you very much for coming out here today. We appreciate all the hard work that you do.

And we will conclude this confirmation hearing. It is now 10:46 a.m. and we will now conclude the confirmation hearing. Thank you very much everyone and God Bless.

Thank you.

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Education, Self-Determination, and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime Transportation, hereby reports on the appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja to serve as a Member(Guidance Counselor Representative)of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, with the recommendation to do confirm



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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Nomination of
Leeana Lynn L. Borja
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